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BASIC DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

Forbiddance of interspersed additional information in basic shipping descriptions

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Background

1. An intention of the dangerous goods documentation requirements in chapter 5.4 is to consistently provide basic information on dangerous goods being transported. Paragraph 5.4.1.2.2 requires that the basic description specified in 5.4.1.1.1 be in sequence, but it does not prohibit additional information from being interspersed within the basic description. Interspersing additional information within the basic description could lead to confusion. This could be particularly problematic in the case of dangerous goods incidents where emergency responders have been trained to expect only the basic information. It is proposed that text be added to prohibit the interspersing of additional information within the basic description.

Proposal

2. Modify 5.4.1.2.2 to include the words "with no additional information interspersed" so that the new 5.4.1.2.2 would read as follows:

". . . shall appear in that sequence, with no additional information interspersed. An example . . . "